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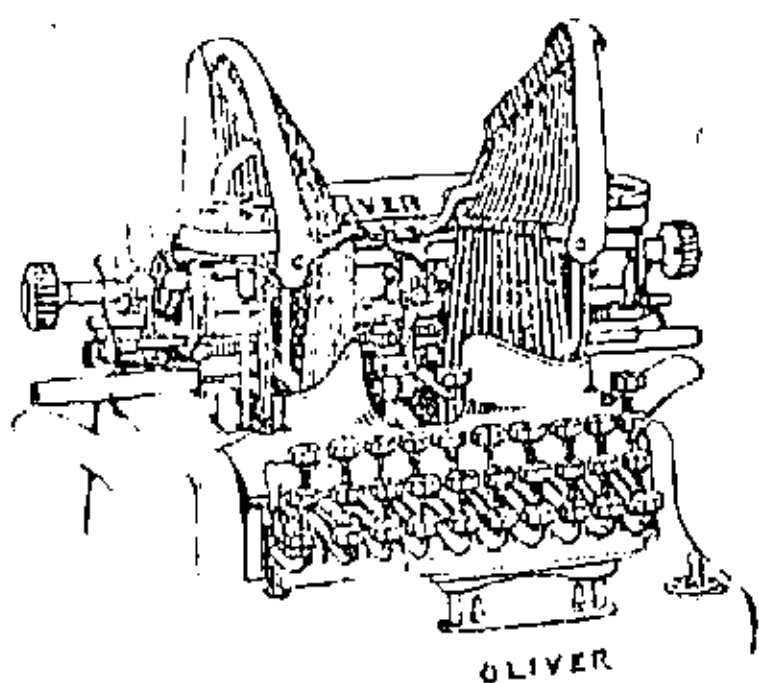
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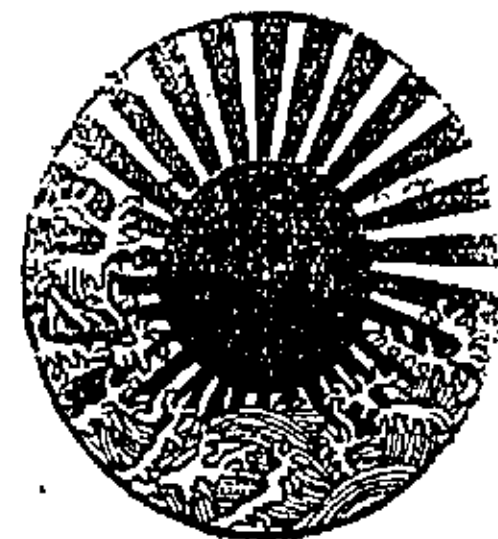
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SHILLINGS per New Share is payable on
and after MONDAY, the 17th February
current at the Office of the Corporation,
WHERE SHAREHOLDERS ARE RE-
QUESTED TO APPLY FOR WAR-
RANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Moneyer,
Hongkong, February 15, 1908.

HONGKONG CLUB.
NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS will be received by the
Undersigned up to the 28th February,
1908, for the Post of ACTING SECRE-
TARY to the above Club for Twelve Months
from the 1st April, 1908 to the 1st April,
1909, with the prospect of a permanent
appointment as Secretary.
Applicants should be unmarried as resi-
dence on the Club Premises is essential.
By Order,
O. H. GRAVE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 27, 1908.

GREAT SHIPPING FIRMS.

N.D.L. and H.A. Agreement.

Although the attention of shipping people is largely centred on the struggle in the Atlantic trade, the agreement which has just been signed between the Hamburg-American and Norddeutscher-Lloyd Companies for a period of four years is, I understand, of much greater importance, writes a correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian." Indeed one shipowner whose experience extends to many parts of the world tells me that it is impossible to over-estimate its significance. It has generally been the habit to assume that the relations between the two great German companies have always been amicable, but I understand that the reverse has been more often the case, so that the new agreement cannot fail to have a great effect. There is a strong belief here that the present arrangement will ultimately end in amalgamation. As the two companies between them own over 300 steamers aggregating one and three-quarter million tons, run nearly ninety different services, and have ramifications all over the globe, it is evident that British shipping will have to face some severe competition. This, I hear, is more particularly feared in the Far Eastern trade, in which the German companies have already a very firm hold. But the services to East and West Africa are also to be improved, and in connection with the Atlantic trade further efforts are to be made to capture the rich Continental passenger traffic. I hear to-day that the Kaiser was a party to the negotiations that led to the agreement, and that it was his influence which smoothed over many of the difficulties in the way.

DIABOLO.

Its Malabar Origin.

A correspondent writes to the "Madras Mail":—"During the last few months diabolos have become the most fascinating game among all classes of people in Europe; but after all it is not a new pastime. Enthusiasts have tried to trace its origin and development and several countries are claiming the honour of having given it birth. To the list of these already claiming this honour may justly be added Malabar. In Malabar, there is a class of people called Koravus who have from time immemorial played this game almost in the same manner as its Western devotees do at the present time. These people are met with mostly in the southern parts of Malabar, Cochin and Travancore, and they speak the Malayalam language with a singsong accent which easily distinguishes them from other people. They are of wandering habits. The men are clever acrobats and ropedancers but these of more settled habits are engaged in agriculture and other industries. These beautiful grass mats known as Palghat mats are woven by this people. Their women are fortune-tellers and ballad singers. Their services are also in demand for boring the ears of girls. The ropedancers perform many wonderful feats while balancing themselves on the rope, among them being the playing of diabolos while walking to and fro on a tight rope. The Korava acrobat spins the wooden spool on a string, attached to the ends of two bamboo sticks, and throws it up to the height of a coconut-tree, and when it comes down he receives it on the string, to be again thrown up. There are experts among them who can receive the spool on the string without even looking at it. There is no noteworthy difference in the structure and shape of the spool used by the Koravus and those of Europe, except that the Malabar apparatus is a solid wooden thing a little larger and heavier than the Western toy. It has not yet emerged from the crude stage of the village carpenter's skill, and cannot boast of rubber tyres and other embellishments which adorn the imported article; but it is heavy enough to cause a nasty injury should it hit the performer while falling. The Koravus are a very primitive people, but as acrobats and rope dancers they have continued their profession for generations past, and there is no doubt that they have been expert diabolos players for many years. They are a people who have never travelled and they could not have, therefore, imported the game from elsewhere. These facts conclusively prove that diabolos is an Indian game known in these parts from very early days. As for its introduction into the West, it may be that European travellers carried and introduced it in to their countries or it may have had an independent origin there."

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 24th February, 1908, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1907.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 30, 1908.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on MONDAY, the 24th FEBRUARY, 1908, at 4 p.m., in the CITY HALL, for the following purposes, viz:—

1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Chamber for the year ending 31st December, 1907.
2. To elect a New Committee.
3. To consider the following Resolution:—"That in consequence of the importance of the trade existing between this port and Bombay it is resolved under Rule XXIII to increase the number of the Committee from 8 to 10 so as to include a Merchant interested in the Bombay trade."
4. To transact any General Business.

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,

Secretary.

Hongkong, February 13, 1908.

THE K'WLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINETEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 26th February, 1908, at 11.45 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 18th February, to TUESDAY, the 26th February, 1908, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary to The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.

Agents for the K'WLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, Ltd.

Hongkong, February 14, 1908.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF Shareholders in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on TUESDAY, the 18th March, 1908, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 2nd instant to the 5th March, both days inclusive.

By Order,

GEO. L. TOMLIN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, February 13, 1908.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned, at 12.30 p.m., on TUESDAY, the 18th March.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th inst. to the 10th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.,

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Hongkong, February 18, 1908.

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Hongkong, August 7, 1907.

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II—Fire Funds £3,888,732 19 6

III—Life & Annuity Funds £3,762,888 8 6

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Revenue Fire Branch £2,061,044 18 3

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MEMOS FOR TOMORROW.

Auction.
2.30 p.m. - Auction of Tonkin Inland Ware, and Embroideries, &c., at Mr Geo. P. Lammett's Sales Rooms.

Amusements.
9 p.m. - Performance by Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club in City Hall.

Miscellaneous.
Transfer Books of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., close from this date to 5th March, inclusive.
Goods per *Lingling* undelivered after 4 p.m. on this date will be landed.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, February 23:
Goods per *Manila* not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, February 24:
Noon - Meeting of Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices.
2.15 p.m. - Meeting of His Majesty's Justice of Peace at the Magistracy.
4 p.m. - Meeting of Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce at City Hall.
Goods per *Tonkin* undelivered after this date will be subject to rent and landing charges.

TUESDAY, February 25:
11.45 a.m. - Meeting of The Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices.
Transfer Books of Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., close from this date to 10th March, inclusive.
Goods per *Beihaters* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, March 2:
11.30 a.m. - Meeting of Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office.

THURSDAY, March 5:
Noon - Meeting of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices.
9 p.m. - Performance at City Hall.

TUESDAY, March 10:
12.30 p.m. - Meeting of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Offices.

NOTICE
Letters relating to business should be addressed to THE MANAGER.

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Correspondents must forward their names and addresses with any communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication but as evidence of good faith.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1908.

LAW VACATIONS.

SOME time since we alluded to the possibility of the law vacation being extended, and remarked that as at the present time suitors had to wait a protracted time for a hearing, the matter demanded very serious consideration. We made it perfectly clear when we previously referred to the subject that we have every wish that our judges should not be called upon to fulfil duties beyond their powers. No man, whether he be judge or stoker, can do his best if he is overworked. This being acknowledged what we have to say cannot be taken as in antagonism to the judges but in defence of the interests of the public. To extend the law vacation from one month to two, as we understand it is proposed, would, in present circumstances, simply mean that the congestion which now exists would be increased. The extended period of closing up the law dispensary might be beneficial to those who provide there, but to the persons who have already to wait a deplorable time to get their legal prescriptions dispensed the position would not be bettered. In the interests of the suitors—who after all are the persons for whom the machinery of law was devised—should not the vacation be abolished altogether instead of being extended? Judges, like other civil servants, are entitled to certain annual leave—six weeks, we understand, or three months in every two years. Any judge can apply for leave when it is most convenient, and the obligation rests upon the Government to supply a *locum tenens* if the necessity arises. It may

be pointed out that there is no extended cessation of business in the Summary or Police Courts during the year, and no reason has been advanced why there should be any cessation in the Supreme Court. On the contrary there is every reason for the suitors in this Colony getting their cases heard with more celerity. Also it may be pointed out there is no vacation for other Colonial Service departments. If the Colonial Secretary, the Treasurer, the Director of Public Works or the Postmaster General goes on leave the departments over which these gentlemen preside are not shut up. Others are appointed to fill the positions temporarily and the public suffers no inconvenience. Why then should the Supreme Court be closed when it is common knowledge that suitors have to wait weary months for a hearing? If the suggestion were made that any of the great mercantile houses should be closed because the *taipan* was enjoying a well-earned rest it would be regarded as the proposition of a madman. But no distinction can be drawn between a private business and a government department in this connection. In each instance closing against the transaction of business means loss and the accumulation of work. Looked at in this light it would seem clear that instead of extending the law vacation the vacation should be abolished. This would necessarily involve provision being made by the Government for filling the position of a judge when he went on leave. There is little, if any difficulty in doing this in existing circumstances, as the Attorney General is available, and there would be none at all if another permanent judge were appointed as we have previously suggested. But apart from this we believe that the proposal that the vacation should be extended will not be approved by the general public, and we venture to say that the solicitors would welcome its abolition.

Three men have been arrested in Canton for kidnapping workmen to be taken to Hongkong to be sold to work at foreign ports. The names of the three are given. They had sixteen men with them, were from Kwangsi, and appeared not to know much of their future. They had been enticed from their homes with the promise of work and had responded. Whilst in Canton the newly awakened spirit amongst the officials made it impossible for them to get their prey upon the Hongkong steamers, and so the three were arrested and to-day they are in the prison of the Inspector of the Police. It is worthy of remark that in connection with this arrest, the Viceroy has sent a Special Commissioner to Swatow to look into the question of kidnapping, and the circumstances that are supposed to accompany this business. The Wai-yun appointed is said to be a very able man, and is familiar with the usages of foreigners. It is hoped therefore that something definite will be done to stop this sort of thing. The trade is quite distinct from the usual emigration to Singapore and other ports by the Chinese in search of work, for they are taken by those who understand the ropes and are practically sold, so that when they have left their shores, they are quite unable to return until they have finished their time; and this term varies according to circumstances, of which, apparently, those who are the victims are quite in the dark when the bargain is supposed to have been made.

As far as the public knows the question of the seizure by the Chinese Government of the Japanese steamer, *Tatsu Maru* II, remains substantially where it was a week ago. The Chinese Government anticipates a very favourable issue. They base their anticipation on the strength of the treaties with Japan of July 21, 1896 and October 8, 1903. The Articles, under which they propose to confiscate or rather under which they have confiscated the steamer, read—"Japanese vessels may touch for the purpose of landing and shipping passengers and merchandise, in accordance with the existing Rules and Regulations concerning foreign trade there, at all those places in China which are now ports of call, namely, Ningbo, Tientsin, Hu-kow, Wu-such, Luchow and Woussung, and such other places as may hereafter be made ports of call also. If any vessel should unlawfully enter ports other than open ports and ports of call in China or carry on clandestine trade along the coast or rivers, the vessel with her cargo shall be subject to confiscation by the Chinese Government"; and "the Chinese Government agrees that any Japanese steamer capable of navigating the inland water ways, upon reporting at the Imperial Maritime Customs, may proceed for the purpose of trade from a treaty Port to places inland so reported, on complying with the Original and Supplementary Regulations for Steam Navigation Inland." The Japanese Government, however, maintained that the question was a diplomatic one and that the Imperial Maritime Customs had no right to act under the articles in question, and as a consequence the notice to the owners of the vessel from the Customs was ineffective. In the meantime the Chinese Government is stated to possess ample proof relating to the actual runners of the arms and ammunition, which will be produced when the case comes up for official enquiry. Both governments, as far as the matter in Canton is concerned, are at a standstill, and it is likely the issue will be fought out at Peking.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The transport landing, with garrison reliefs, is due here on Monday next.

The steamer *Yunnan* reports that H. M. S. *Britannia* was at Nankin on the 14th.

The captain of the steamer *Yunnan* reports one foot of snow at Wuhu and Chingking, with a strong north east gale blowing.

Dr. Chan Hin Pan of the Netherlands Hospital will give a course of lectures on Physiology at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. rooms beginning on Tuesday, February 25th.

The Shanghai Football team found some compensation for their defeat by Hongkong, when they went to Tientsin. They beat the local team by 21 points to nil.

Details of the Royal Garrison Artillery will go into camp at Boa Vista and Tytan Gap on the 17th inst., to undergo a course in movable armament, under Capt. G. T. Brierley, D.S.O.

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. is planning to open a day school for boys between 6 and 12 years old. The teaching will all be in Chinese. A good teacher will be engaged and further announcement of it will be made soon. The school will probably open on Monday 24th February.

To-morrow evening at the Union Church Literary Club, Kennedy Rd., a lecture will be given by Mr. Dely on "Shakespeare's Roman Plays" with special reference to "Coriolanus" and "Julius Caesar." The chair will be taken at 8 p.m. sharp and the public are cordially invited.

An order has gone forth in Korea that for the future all reports from the various departments to the magistrates and high officials of the different districts, and vice versa, shall be written in the Japanese language. The "Korea Daily News" says:—"May we be permitted to ask why they should not be written in Chinese?"

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. Price and Officers the Band of the 129th Duke of Connaught's Own Baluchis will play the following programme of music, at the above Hotel, during dinner, on Thursday, the 20th February, 1908. (Weather permitting.)

March....."Marsden".....Clarke
Overture....."Le Plantiste".....Kling
Tango....."La Svegliata".....Roder
Fantasia....."Alpine Echoes".....Hart
Gavotte....."Enlaid".....Pondu
Selection....."Miss Haddock".....Robins
Dance de Satyrs....."C. Le Thiere
Two Steps....."Sorolla".....Gallini
GOD SAVE THE KING.

THE FLOWER SHOW.

The recent improvement in the weather has considerably raised the prospects of a successful flower show next week. The show is to be held in the Botanic Gardens on Wednesday and Thursday the 26th and 27th February. We understand a large number of entries have been sent in. Prizes for the best group of flowering and foliage plants and for the best collection of vegetables open to all are offered by His Excellency the Governor. Mr. H. E. Tomkins gives the prize for the best kept garden at the Peak; Sir Paul Clatter for that at Kowloon; Mr. J. Barton for the table decoration; Mr. S. T. Dunn for the best collection of vegetables from the Peak. Mr. D. Donahoe offers prizes in four classes of cut flowers and the general prize fund has been augmented by contributions from several supporters of the Horticultural Society.

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THE PHILOSOPHY OF CLOTHES.

It is curiously suggestive to observe that Sun Po Ki, the Chinese Ambassador to France, in making recently a representation home concerning the conditions under which Chinese high officials in foreign countries are called upon to render service, advocates the compulsory adoption by ambassadors and the chief members of their retinue, of the national dress most characteristic of the country of their sojourn. The idea gives us pause. For the moment it takes away our breath! We seek to view it from the standpoint, say, of Mrs. Lee Hunter, the talented authoress of the *Ode to an Expiring Frog*.

What is to become of entertainers and entertainments in fashionable society if the Oriental is Occidentalized beyond all outward seeming, and the possibility for what he is, viz., the honoured citizen of a country where dress is flowing, picturesque, imparting to each movement dignity, to each utterance weight, and to each glance fascination. What is to become of the functions where "all is gas and gaiters" and Count Smolensk is the "chief takin' notes?"

"Imagination" likes not to contemplate the deprivation. For polite society a new era dawns. Townsies in search of the picturesque must hie further and further afield. The world grows more prosaic; there is no longer place in it for the poetry of the flowing robe and the particularly coloured vesture, and once more, as at every turn in our path, the question is forced upon us, is life worth living?

We have written from Mrs. Lee Hunter's viewpoint. Now let us look at His Excellency Sun's representation from the stand of Thomas Carlyle, the sardonic philosopher—author of "Sartor Resartus." Is there no longer, we would ask, a Philosophy of Clothes? Are the sentiments of Herr Tausfeldt exploded and his opinions effete? We know not. As are his clothes so is the man, and without clothes the man is "but a forked radish."

Think for one moment of the Tausfeldt canons as applied to a Chinese or other Oriental Ambassador at a foreign Court—clothed in the garment of the country where he is called upon to discharge his high functions in the name of the Sovereign who has sent him forth. Is it to be supposed for one moment that the clothing wherewith he is clothed will have little or no effect upon his high policy as a statesman, that he will be in affairs of the State unchanged and unchanging in no degree of deviating from strictest loyalty, honour, and rectitude as a consequence of having discarded his native dress in favour of German, English, French, or Spanish garments?

A not unexpected experience of human nature has put the clothes philosophy to searching, satisfactory, and final tests, and the eternal truth remains that as is the dress so is the man. Dressed as an Occidental the Chinese Minister to an Occidental Court will think as an Occidental, will reason as an Occidental, will where he should be firm, and prove perverse where pleasing compliance would be for the greatest good of his country. Such a man could no longer be trusted, for the simple reason that no man, however exalted his position or expanded his intellect, could ever put himself, so to speak, outside his own clothes, or escape from the atmosphere and other conditions of environment created by his outer casing and integuments.

It is marvellous the far-reaching effect on the man himself of the garments in which he induces himself. Is it thinkable that our Bishops would be the manner of men they are if they dressed as in Chinese? Scottish postmen in the Highlands when Archbishop Tait had gone to fish in a loch, during a summer holiday, having letters for the Archbishop and lighting upon him sought to identify the prelate by putting the question: are you the Archbishop? And, receiving an affirmative answer, responded: "Well, I must say you look consequential about the legs." There is a world of instructiveness in the postman's saying. Let us look at "consequential" as we can from the crown of the head to the end of the foot for great issues are at stake. Our clothes are, to quote a good scripture phrase, "bound in the bundle" with our aspirations, our plans, duties, responsibilities—destiny.

And the Chinese Government will be ill-advised to make either compulsory or permissive the change advocated by Ambassador Sun. The fortunes of the Empire are at stake, and we who have always been friends of China, having ever at heart her progress as a nation in the best and highest things would grieve to see an innovation that was made individual instead of national. Such must be no other than the thin end of the wedge driven in with a force, directness, and depth to start the riving of the whole social and political fabric of China. We can only raise the cry of the "state in danger" and bid the proper guardians of its well-being beware lest the dress of the ambassador subvert the fortunes of the empire.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Fishfolk Attacked.

A story of an attack on a fishing boat at Tai-kot sui was told at the Magistracy to-day, when You Siu-king, Ip Yan-sang and Lai Tak were charged with assaulting a fisherman and his wife. On February 9 the complainant's boat was high and dry on the beach, when three men, one of whom was armed with a bayonet and another with a knife, approached the boat and the spokesman said they had come to search for opium. When all three were under the cover of the boat they demanded money, but as none was forthcoming the second defendant attacked the woman with a bayonet.

She called out "save life!" and the second man then attacked the husband, but he snatched the knife from his opponent and rushing to the bow of the boat, called loudly for assistance. The cry was answered by a number of boat people and the man and woman ran. The chase which followed resulted in the capture of the first who ran into the arms of an Indian Sergeant. Subsequently other men were arrested at 110 Station Street, Mongkok. When charged at the Police Station all three pleaded guilty, but at the Magistracy they denied the charge. After hearing the evidence Mr. F. A. Hazenard committed the defendants for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

THE SEIZED STEAMER.

Shipowners Union Active.

(From Our Correspondent.)
Tokyo, February 18.
The Shipowners Union has promised to give all possible assistance to the owners of the *Tatsu-maru* in the claim for release and compensation.

THE WATCH CLUB.

Trial Commenced.

(From Our Correspondent.)
SHANGHAI, February 18.
The trial of Ivor Thomas, of the Watch Club, commenced to-day before His Lordship Sir H. W. de Saumarez, Chief Justice.
The trial will probably last three days.

EXPLOSION ON A CRUISER.

Three Men Killed.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)
LONDON, February 18.
A boiler explosion has taken place, off Morocco, on board the French cruiser *Descartes*, as a result of which three men were killed and three injured.

UNITED STATES FINANCE.

Bank Manager Arrested.

LONDON, February 17.
New York reports that Mr. Morse, the organizer of the so-called "Morse Chain of Banks," the failures of which precipitated the recent panic, has been arrested on a charge of larceny, and bailed out for \$20,000.

Insolvent Insurance Co.

LONDON, February 17.
Receivers have been appointed to The Mutual Reserve Life Insurance on the ground of insolvency. It is stated that the liabilities are \$5,500,000, and the assets \$3,750,000.

THE AUSTRIAN RAILWAY SCHEME.

LONDON, February 17.

The Serbian press protests against the Austrian railway project, and thanks the Russian, British, French, and Italian press for their attitude towards it.
The Serbian press attributes the Austrian design to dominate the whole of the Balkans, backed up by Germany, in order to weaken the Slavs in favour of Germans.

Reuter's agent in Berlin wires authoritatively that Germany regards the Austrian scheme like other railways, as promoting civilisation and serving solely economic interests; they would similarly regard the Danube-Adriatic railway, which Russia is reported to be considering.
Diplomats in Berlin however opine that it would have been better if Austria had waited longer.

PLOTTERS AGAINST CHINA.

Alleged Proposed Attacks.

The native papers are still giving their attention to what is suspected to be going on in secret amongst those who are dissatisfied with the present Government of China and who intend to make an attempt to overthrow it.

A letter from the South has just been published, which purports to give an outline of the plans decided upon by the plotters. They are said to have been at work ever since the troubles in Linchun and Yanchun last summer. It has now been decided that one rising will be in Chiehnan, that is in the Eastern part of the Kwangtung Province. Another rising will be in the centre of Kwangtung itself. Then there will be a further attack from the borders of Annam, in the disaffected parts that are giving the authorities so much trouble to-day. The same correspondent states that weapons are being imported into China from Annam, and also from (what appears to be a Chinese translation for) the Philippines. The writer, however, states that the leaders are feeling the pinch of poverty, and are at present suffering from lack of funds. This statement has been made by others, and, apparently, those who are supplying the money for any possible outbreak are getting tired of the delay, that seems to be interminable.

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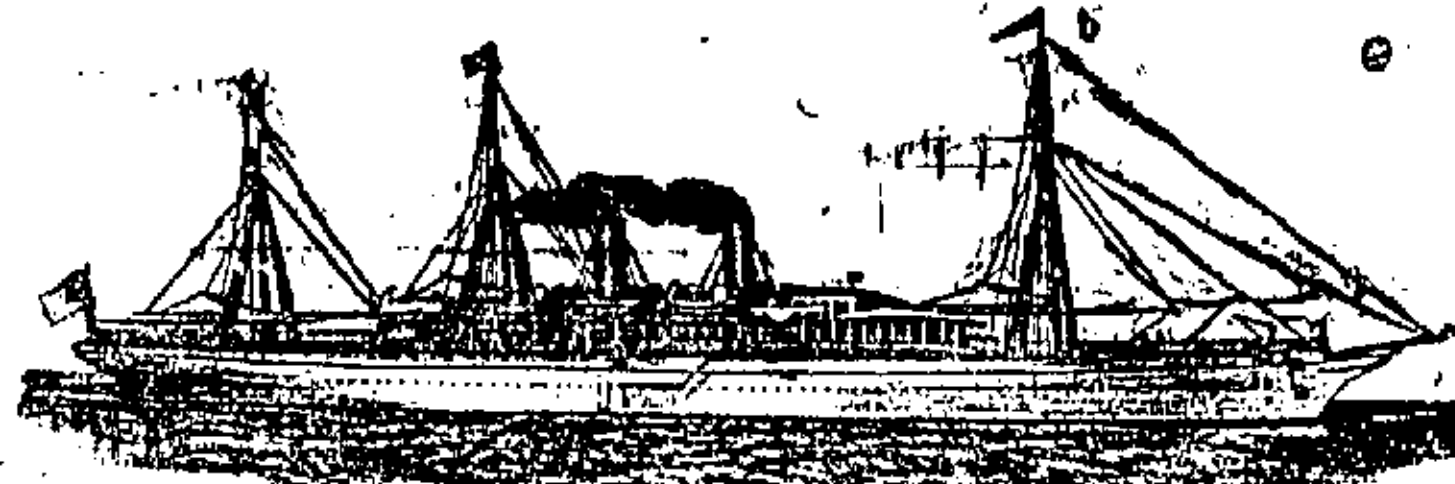
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SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, (About 1st) Freight and Passengers.	DEVANHA	Feb. 22nd, Noon.
MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, (About 29th) Freight only.	DEVANHA	Feb. 22nd, Noon.
LONDON & AMSTERDAM, (About 4th) Freight only.	DEVANHA	Feb. 22nd, Noon.
MASSILLON, LONDON & ANTWERP, (About 11th) Freight and Passengers.	DEVANHA	Feb. 22nd, Noon.

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SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, (About 1st) Freight and Passengers.	DEVANHA	Feb. 22nd, Noon.
MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, (About 29th) Freight only.	DEVANHA	Feb. 22nd, Noon.
LONDON & AMSTERDAM, (About 4th) Freight only.	DEVANHA	Feb. 22nd, Noon.
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VICTORIA, B.C. AND SEATTLE, U.S.A.	AKI YAMU, Tons 6444	TUESDAY, 3rd Mar., at 4 p.m.
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, YAWATA MARU, Tons 3816	YAWATA MARU, Tons 3816	FRIDAY, 20th Mar., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBÉ AND YAWATA MARU, Tons 3817	YAWATA MARU, Tons 3817	WEDNESDAY, 19th Feb., at Noon.
KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA, TAMBA MARU, Tons 6134	TAMBA MARU, Tons 6134	SATURDAY, 22nd Feb., at Daylight.
BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE, KAGOSHIMA MARU, Tons 4405	KAGOSHIMA MARU, Tons 4405	WEDNESDAY, 26th Feb., at Noon.
SHANGHAI & KOBÉ, TAKASAKI MARU, Tons 4746	TAKASAKI MARU, Tons 4746	MONDAY, 2nd Mar., at Noon.

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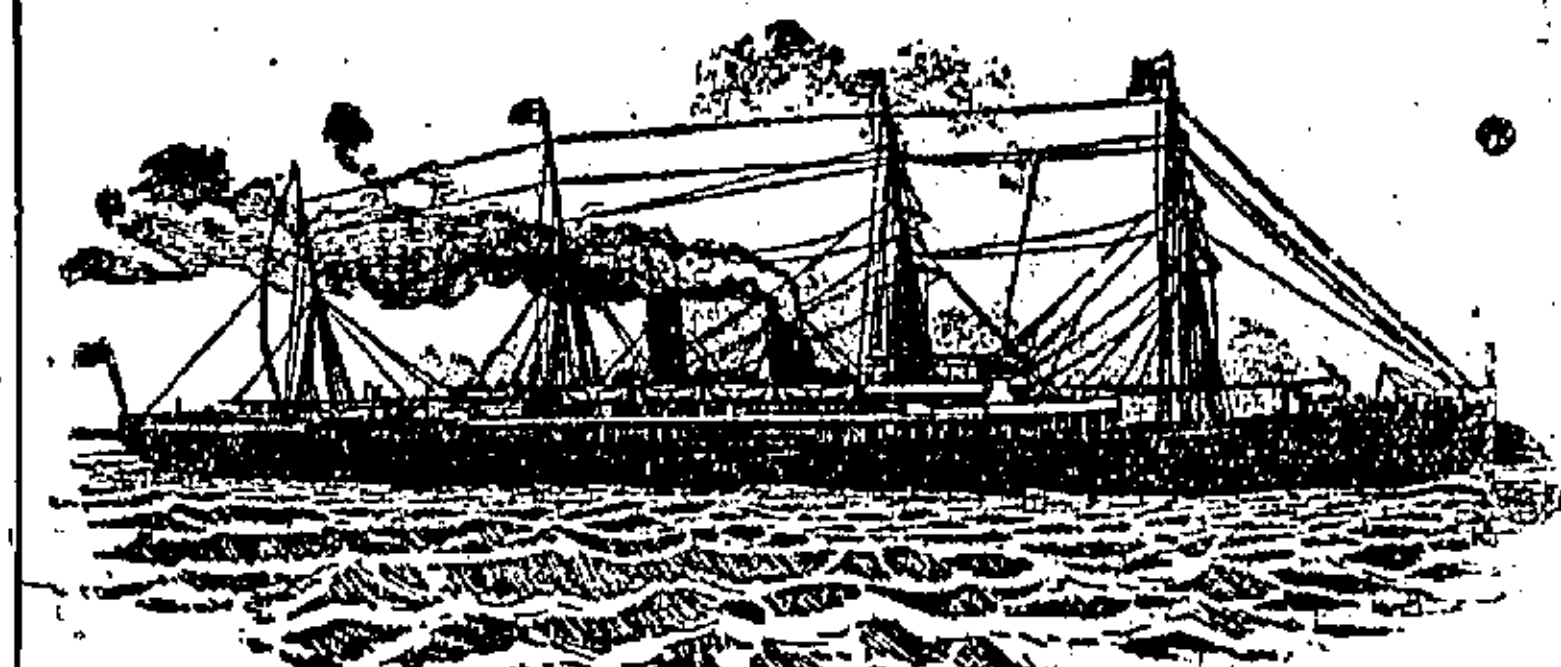
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MONGOLIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 7th Mar., at Daylight.
HONGKONG MARU	11,000	FRIDAY, 21st Mar., at Noon.
KOREA	15,000	FRIDAY, 11th April, at Noon.
AMERICA MARU	11,000	SATURDAY, 18th April, at Noon.
SIBERIA	18,000	SATURDAY, 25th April, at Noon.
CHINA	10,200	SATURDAY, 2nd May, at Noon.
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STEAMSHIP	TONS	SAILING DATE, 1908.
ARABIA	4438	C. NEUMANN, End of February.
NICOMEDIA	4372	P. WAGEMAN, Last Half of March.

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STEAMSHIP	TONS	SAILING DATE, 1908.
CHINKIANG	2540	R. Rodger, Feb. 25, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	2540	Y. Y. Y. Y., Feb. 25, at 4 p.m.
MANILA	2540	Y. Y. Y. Y., Feb. 25, at 4 p.m.
CEBU & ILOILO	2540	Y. Y. Y. Y., Feb. 25, at 4 p.m.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMSHIP	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, PENANG, CHONGKING, THURSDAY, Feb. 20, at Noon.	
SINGAPORE, PENANG, NANSANG, THURSDAY, Feb. 20, at 3 p.m.	
AND CALCUTTA, NANSANG, FRIDAY, Feb. 21, at 4 p.m.	
MANILA, PENANG, LAISANG, THURSDAY, Feb. 27, at 3 p.m.	
AND CALCUTTA, LAISANG, FRIDAY, Feb. 28, at 4 p.m.	
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ & MOJI, FUKUSANG, FRIDAY, March 13, at 4 p.m.	

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STEAMSHIP	TO SAIL
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIER, KLEIST, WEDNESDAY, 26th Feb., at Noon.	
GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP AND HAMBURG, Capt. Rud Meyer.	
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, PRINZ LUDWIG, About TUESDAY, 3rd March.	
KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA, Capt. v. Binzer.	
MANILA, NEWGUINEA, PRINZ SIGISMUND, TUESDAY, 3rd March, at 5 p.m.	
SAMARAI, BRISBANE, Capt. D. Lenz.	
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.	
KUDAT AND SANDARAN, BORNEO, Middle of March.	
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